

Durham Police Department

2nd Quarter 2017 Report



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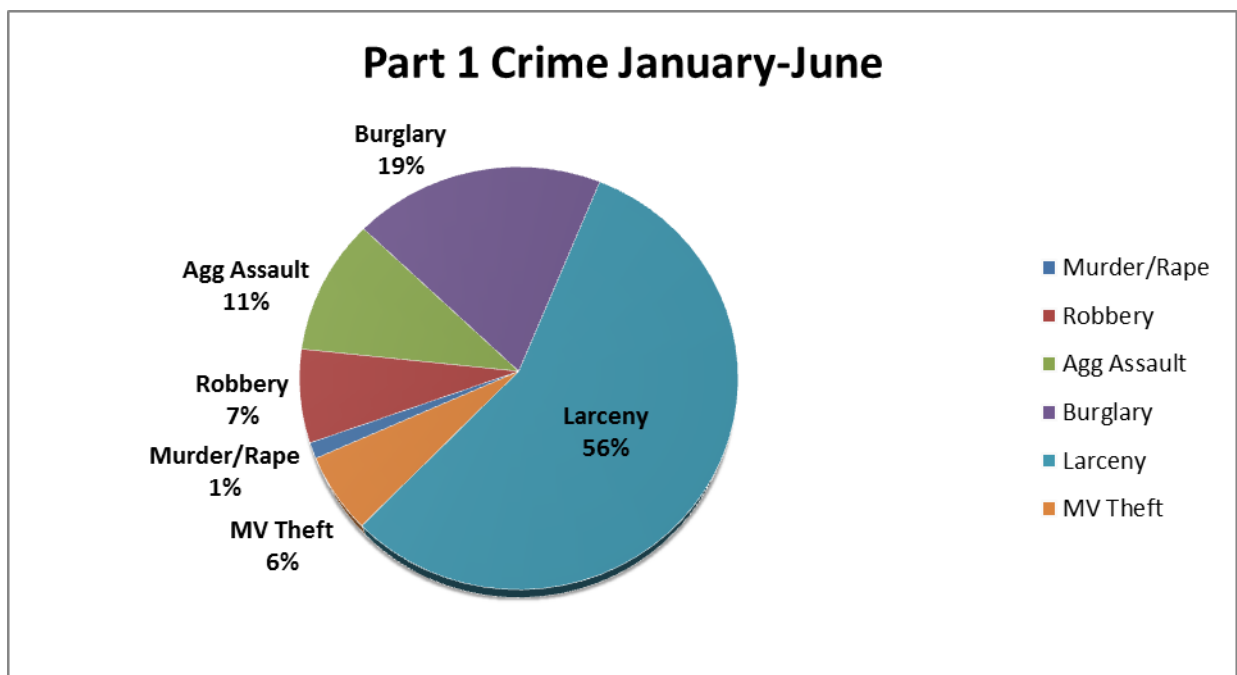
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2017 Second Quarter Report
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Police Chief Cerelyn Davis

The Durham Police Department reports on six measures – Part 1 Index Crime, Part 1 Violent Crime, Part 1 Property Crime, Clearance Rates, Sworn/Non-Sworn Staffing and Priority 1 Call Responses – every quarter. The report also includes significant arrests, community events and outstanding performances.

Overall Part 1 crime (the total of Part 1 violent and property crimes) rose by five percent during the first six months of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. The increase was driven by increases in larcenies, robberies and aggravated assaults.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) increased by six percent during the first six months of 2017. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) went up by five percent during the first half of 2017. Burglaries and homicides were at three-year lows. Property crime comprised 81 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 56 percent – of Part 1 crime.



Part 1 Violent Crime – January through June

Part 1 Violent Crime	3-Year Avg	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Homicides	16	16	21	10	-52%
Rapes	51	39	50	64	28%
Robberies	398	360	402	432	7%
Aggravated Assaults	633	664	604	632	5%
Violent Crime	1098	1079	1077	1138	6%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through June

Part 1 Property Crime	3-Year Avg	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015-
Burglaries	1338	1670	1188	1157	-3%
Larcenies	3322	3391	3178	3398	7%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	333	305	330	364	10%
Property Crime	4994	5366	4696	4919	5%
Index Crime	6091	6445	5772	6057	5%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD YTD 2017	DPD YTD 2016	DPD 2016	FBI 2015*
Homicide	40%	76.19%	69%	61.5%
Rape	46.9%	20%	34.9%	34.5%
Robbery	21.3%	30.6%	24.5%	28.4%
Aggravated Assault	35.4%	44.37%	41%	50.2%
Violent Crime	30.8%	38.72%	34.9%	42.4%
Burglary	13.7%	17.68%	14.5%	11.1%
Larceny	21.7%	25.42%	23%	20.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	14.6%	20.91%	16.8%	12%
Property Crime	19.2%	23.15%	20.4%	17.6%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Priority 1 Call Responses

The average response time to Priority 1 calls during the first six months was 6.10 minutes, which did not meet our target average of 5.8 minutes. It is an improvement over 2016.

52.6 percent of Priority 1 calls were answered in under five minutes during the first six months. That did not meet our target of 57 percent. It is an improvement over 2016.

Staffing Levels

Sworn staffing levels were at 90 percent (495/548) with 53 vacancies at the end of the 2nd quarter of 2017. There are currently 28 vacancies since BLET Academy #46 started on August 8. Non-sworn staffing was at 85 percent (106/124) at the end of the second quarter.

Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for January-June 2017

Offense/Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault		1	1		1	9	6	18
All Other Offenses				3	8	30	28	69
Burglary				4	6	3	6	19
Disorderly Conduct				1	1	4	2	8
Drug Violations	2			4	5	8	11	30
Fraud		1				2	17	20
Larceny		1	1	3	8	12	19	44
Non-Reportable Offenses							4	4
Offenses Against Family						1		1
Robbery						10	6	16
Simple Assault				2	1	13	11	27
Stolen Property					4	8	4	16
Vandalism					4	3	4	11
Weapons Violations			1	1	1	8	8	19
Grand Total	2	3	3	18	39	111	126	302

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes

January-June

	<i>YTD 2015</i>	<i>YTD 2016</i>	<i>YTD 2017</i>
<i>Murder</i>	2	4	1
<i>Rape</i>	7	7	18
<i>Robbery</i>	12	6	9
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	146	129	143
<i>Violent Crime</i>	167	146	171
<i>Burglary</i>	39	53	52
<i>Larceny</i>	81	92	77
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	5	10	8
<i>Property Crime</i>	125	155	137
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	292	301	308

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 2 Offenses

January to June

Offense	2015	2016	2017
All Other Offenses	344	299	269
Arson	17	11	22
Disorderly Conduct	18	21	23
Driving While Impaired	209	262	136
Drug Violations	576	606	302
Embezzlement	70	74	65
Forgery/Counterfeiting	85	73	82
Fraud	779	805	882
Liquor Law Violations	8	13	8
Obscene Material/Pornography	8	14	20
Offenses Against Family	72	50	73
Prostitution	11	2	1
Sex Offense	56	58	60
Simple Assault	890	974	899
Stolen Property	29	27	20
Vandalism	876	853	890
Weapons Violations	143	135	144

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Misdemeanor Diversion Program

1. 16-17 year olds (April 2014-June 30, 2017):

290 youth enrolled to date, 98% completion rate, 29 still enrolled and on track to complete

176 youth completed and have been out of the program for 12 months or longer. Of those 176, 19 re-offended within one year of completion, with 89% of youth not accruing new allegations in the 12 months after program completion.

Demographics: 60% African-American; 21% Caucasian; 17% Other; and 2% AS/PI

Referral Sources: 49% DPD; 3% DPD SROs; 45% Sheriff SROs; and 3% Sheriff

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (415 total referrals): Education Services 161; Employment Assistance 65; Extracurricular Activities 6; Mental Health 107; Substance use evaluations/treatment 50; and Mentoring 26

2. 18-21 year olds (October 2016-June 30, 2017):

106 young people enrolled, 100% completion rate with 28 still enrolled and on track to complete.

78 have completed the program. Of those 78, 38 have been out of the program 12 months or longer. Four participants re-offended within one year of completion, with an avoidance rate of 89%.

Demographics: 55% African-American; 30% Caucasian; 13% Hispanic; and 2% AS/PI

Referral Sources: 77% DPD; 3% DPD SROs; 14% Sheriff SROs; 6% Sheriff

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (84 total referrals): Education Services 17; Employment Assistance 19; Mental Health 25; Mentoring 2; Substance Use evaluations/treatment 11; Housing 10

Statistics provided by the Durham County Misdemeanor Diversion Program

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 2nd Quarter 2017

2017 2nd Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	25	6	0	3	1
White Female	5	1	1	0	0
African-American Male	33	9	0	16	5
African-American Female	9	2	1	4	0
Latino Male	6	1	0	1	0
Latino Female	2	1	0	0	0
Asian Male	3	0	0	0	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	83	20	3	24	6

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

Recruiting Unit Job Fairs and Open Houses – The Recruiting Unit attended job fairs and open houses at the following locations during the second quarter: Charlotte, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, West Virginia State University, The Citadel, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Ocean City, Md., Philadelphia, Pa., Clemson University, CIAA Tournament, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Appalachian State University, Fort Lee Army Base, Va., Bimbe Festival, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, North Carolina State University and Newport News, Va.

Lifesaving Efforts

Water Rescue - Three Durham police officers and a police applicant rescued two women from a sinking car in a water retention pond June 28 on South Alston Avenue. Officers were dispatched at 2:20 p.m. to the call about a car in a pond in the 4500 block of South Alston Avenue near N.C. 54 Highway. Edwoe Mante was driving a Honda and was attempting to turn into the library parking lot at 4505 South Alston Avenue when she hit a tree and then went into the pond, officers said.



Manta and a pregnant passenger in her car – Maude Boateng – were trapped in the vehicle, which was sinking into the pond, when Investigator E.E. Ortiz and Officers K. De La Cruz and A.M. Acker arrived on the scene. The officers, who were each wearing more than 30 pounds of gear, dove into the pond and attempted to rescue the women. A police applicant – David Plitt of Winston-Salem – who was riding with Officer De La Cruz also dove into the pond to assist the officers. The officers were able to free both women from the vehicle within minutes and help them to safety. Neither woman suffered serious injuries, but Ms. Boateng was taken to the hospital to be checked out. The Honda was completely submerged in the water shortly after the women were rescued.



Drowning Rescue - On June 27, Capt. Walter Tate saved a 3-year-old girl from drowning at a local swimming pool. Capt. Tate, commander of the DPD's Community Services Division, was at the pool while his child was taking a swimming lesson. He heard a woman yelling for help and saw a young girl fully submerged in the water. Capt. Tate, who had been sitting in the bleachers near the pool, jumped in the pool while still wearing his shoes and regular clothes with his phone in his pocket. Capt. Tate pulled the child from the pool, held her in his arms and hit her multiple times on the back until she spit out water and started to breathe.

Dog Rescue - Cpl. Dante Ferrell was on his lunch break on May 9 when he saw a house on fire on Valleymeade Drive. Cpl. Ferrell was able to save a dog, but the residents lost just about everything else, firefighters said. By the time he got to the home, Cpl. Ferrell said, the second floor was engulfed in flames and he

could see a dog inside the house. Cpl. Ferrell called the fire in to 911 and then kicked in the door to save the dog and check the house for people. Cpl. Ferrell was able to get the dog out and to determine that no one was home.



Awards & Honors



Durham Jaycees Outstanding Young Public Servant - Durham Police Officer Kendrick Hunter was named the 2017 Outstanding Young Public Servant by the Durham Jaycees and by the North Carolina Jaycees for the state. Officer Hunter joined the Durham Police Department in 2011 and is a member of our Crisis Intervention Team. He is a native of Durham and attended Hillside High School. He is a U.S. Army veteran and served three tours of duty in Iraq.

Officer Hunter has done exceptional work with the homeless, the mentally ill and veterans. He has talked at least two people out of committing suicide and has helped to calm countless other situations so that they ended without injury. Officer Hunter often assists veterans in crisis and works closely with our local VA Hospital. He and his CIT partner, Officer Douglas Beckett, often lend a hand to the homeless people in Durham and keep bottles of cold water, socks and other necessities in their car to give to homeless people they encounter. Officer Hunter is also a frequent visitor to Threshold House, which serves adults with severe and persistent mental illness. In addition, he has gathered numerous stuffed bears to donate to Duke Children's House to help cheer up the young patients.

Durham Civitan 2017 Outstanding Service Award -

DPD Officer R.J. Preston, who is assigned to Squad 2-B, received the Durham Civitan Club's Louis J. Carver Outstanding Service Award during a ceremony in May. Officer Preston was recognized for his passion for his job and his commitment to the community, which has included mentoring youth, saving a woman's life and going above and beyond when answering calls. He has been nominated as District 2's Employee of the Month four times in one year.



In December, Officer Preston and another officer responded to a cardiac arrest call and found a woman who had stopped breathing and had no pulse. He and the other officer performed CPR and rescue breathing until EMS arrived and the woman recovered. While on patrol he often stops to play basketball with children in the community and he has been a mentor to several children. He genuinely cares about them and has been a positive role model in their lives. He is diligent in handling his calls and often goes the extra mile.

National Association of Counties

2017 Achievement Award - Last fall, DPD Officer J.M. Burns from Squad 4-C partnered with the Durham County Library as part of a project entitled, "Round Table Talk: Open Conversations About Uncomfortable Topics." This project was awarded the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2017 Achievement Award.



As part of the project, Officer Burns spent time talking with at-risk youth about a variety of topics including recent officer-involved shootings, police response to criminal activity in low income areas, and what to do if stopped by a police officer. He also spent time playing games with them, which helped them feel more comfortable talking about sensitive issues. Prior to their sessions with the officer, the teens were given surveys to gauge their trust and knowledge of the Durham Police Department (DPD) and its services. The same surveys were given to the teens after their RTT conversations with the DPD officer. The final surveys showed a growth in their trust of the DPD and their knowledge of its services.

West Point Leadership Graduation - DPD Sgt. B.G. Bishop, the department's staff inspector, graduated from the West Point Leadership program. The purpose of the 12-week program, which is held through Methodist University, is "to inspire police leaders to develop an informed, systematic, and dynamic approach to leading in police organizations." The program is an adaptation of a military leadership course at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. The course examines and integrates leadership in organizations from four perspectives: the individual, the group, the leader, and the organization.



Nextdoor Communications Award -Capt. Marianne Bond and the DPD's Nextdoor program were honored during National Police Week in May for efforts in connecting with residents to make Durham safer. They were recognized for using Nextdoor to successfully locate an endangered man who had gone missing. A resident recognized the missing man after reading about the Silver Alert on Nextdoor and called 911.



Above and Beyond

Reaching Out to New Durham Resident

- Two officers from Squad 5-B – Officer C.J. Wisnieski and Cpl. N.T. Thorpe – took some extra steps to help a new Durham resident feel welcome after responding to a call on Foster Street in June. A woman told officers she had moved to Durham from Iowa three days earlier and the movers had damaged her property. The woman and the owner of the

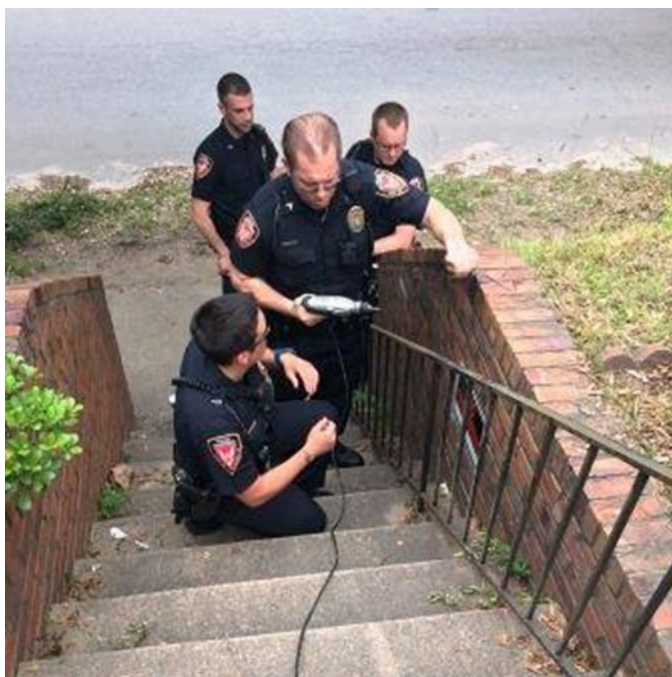


moving company became involved in a verbal dispute, which resulted in the moving company leaving the woman's property in an unsecured area of a parking deck. The woman had no friends or family in the area to help her move her property into her apartment. Officer Wisnieski and Cpl. Thorpe concluded that if the woman's items were left unsecured in the parking deck they could be stolen. The two officers took it upon themselves to move the items from the parking deck to the woman's apartment. The woman was very appreciative because the volume and the weight of the items were too much for her to move herself.

Above and Beyond

Squad 1-A Community Outreach – Squad 1

-A Cpl. M.W. Brown Jr. responded to a loitering call near Substation 1 on May 20. The homeowner, who has lived in her home for 54 years, told Cpl. Brown that people often stop and rest on her front steps, leaving drug needles, drug paraphernalia and trash in front of her home. Cpl. Brown helped her clean up the area and properly disposed of the needles. He also purchased her some “No Trespassing” signs and had her sign a DPD No Trespassing form. Cpl. Brown and his squad have “adopted” this home and often stop by to check on the homeowner. Squad 1-A officers have focused on enhancing safety for residents in the area.



CIT/Community Resource Unit

Housewarming – The DPD held a Spring Cleaning Donation Drive CIT/CRU Housewarming to support Brandon, who had been homeless. Brandon completed Durham’s System of Care program and was placed in a home, but the only items he had were an inflatable mattress and some clothing. The donation drive ran from April 20 to May 5 and the housewarming was on May 6. DPD staff donated the following



items: couch, loveseat, tables, bathroom items, kitchen items, home decorations, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, bedding, clothing, groceries, bed, small appliances, clocks, and cash/gifts. The cash/gifts were used for groceries, clothing, kitchen table and chairs, night stands, and lamps. TROSA supported the project by giving a 50% discount or more on everything we purchased and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare donated items and support. The house was completely furnished through donations and Brandon was grateful for the assistance.

Above and Beyond

Homeless Family - Squad 2-B Cpl. R.C. Hinton responded to a trespasser call at a local motel in May. A mother was at the motel with eight children ranging in age from two to 17 years old. The family had been displaced from their home due to repeated drive by shootings and they were homeless. The call notes indicated that the family had been standing in the parking lot of the motel all day. Cpl. Hinton made numerous telephone calls to the homeless shelters and to the Department of Social Services, but every agency told her that they could not help the family. Cpl. Hinton even called local hotels who gave rates which were out of the price range of the mother or there was not a vacancy.

She called the Quality Inn Hotel on Hillsborough Road and asked if they could give the family a discounted rate, which they did. Cpl. Hinton gave the mother money for the hotel which allowed the family of eight to stay in a suite with enough beds to accommodate them for the night.

The following morning, Corporal Hinton transported the mother to the Department of Social Services and spent several hours working with her and several other family assistance programs to locate housing. The family was approved for emergency housing and offered a 10-day hotel voucher from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare.

Teen Assistance - Officer K.M. Blevins, while temporarily assigned to District 4 CID, was given a runaway case and went above and beyond in handling it. Officer Blevins discovered that the young man was in need of support and help including such basics as shoes and clothing. Officer Blevins enlisted other officers at District 4 and provided him and four other teens with shoes, clothing, school supplies and other items. Officer Blevins was commended for her kindness and compassion.

Suicide attempt - In April, Squad 4-B Cpl. S.A. Gursslin and Officer S.P. Ellison responded to a suicide threat call at a local motel. When they arrived, they found a man lying on the floor between the wall and a bed. He had a bag over his head and a sheet wrapped several times around his neck. The officers called for EMS and then quickly removed the bag from the man's head and unwrapped the sheet from his neck. The man was still breathing and was transported to the hospital for assistance.

Community Outreach & Events

Franklin Village Safety Day

DPD's District 1 Community Liaison Officer Janifer put together a free Safety Day in Franklin Village on June 24. Participating agencies and unit included the DPD's Mobile Substation, Community Resource Unit, K-9 Unit and Motor Unit, as well as Pelican's SnoBalls, Safe Kids Durham County, MADD, Durham City Hall on the Go, Durham Fire Department, Durham County Sheriff's Office and CrimeStoppers.



District 4/NCCU Food Drive – During April District 4 and North Carolina Central University held a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The food drive resulted in 300 pounds of food worth approximately \$1,000.

McDougald Terrace Community Outreach – District 4 commanders, investigators and officers continue to hold weekly *Lunches in the Mac* (McDougald Terrace) on Tuesdays to enhance the relationship between residents and the DPD. Approximately 40 people have attended the lunches each week during the summer. Sponsors have provided the funds for the food and drinks.



"Ice Pops with Cops" Crime Prevention Initiative – Officers from Squad 4-B participated in "Ice Pops With Cops" on June 3 in the Cornwallis Public Housing Community. Officers distributed about 100 ice pops to residents and children throughout the complex in an attempt to further enhance the positive relationship between the police department and the community.

Community Outreach and Events

National Crime Victims' Rights Week - The Durham Police Department, in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 2-8, 2017, hosted several special events and programs, to raise awareness about crime victims' issues and rights and introduce the community to the important resources and services available. DPD's Victim Services Unit commemorated the advancement of victims' rights and highlight issues surrounding victimization by holding and participating in a variety of events.

On Saturday, April 1, the annual Community Safety Workshop was held at the Carolina Theatre. A workshop session featured a Crime Victims' Rights Week video from the national sponsors highlighting the 2017 theme – "Strength. Resilience. Justice." Session topics included: Synthetic Drugs, Burglary Awareness, Court Watch, Victim Services, Citizen Observer Patrol and You & Five 0 - an engaging presentation on police protocols and citizen rights. DPD's new liaison officers, Officer Charles Strickland (LGBTQ Liaison) and Officer Obed Ortiz (Hispanic Liaison), provided an overview of their positions and Victim Advocate Jennifer Hinchey discussed unit operations, services and local resources.



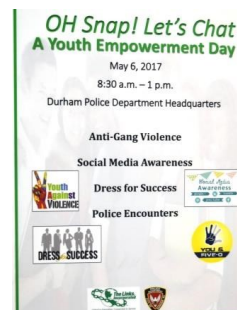
DPD's Victims' Rights Week Community Vigil was held on April 5 at DPD Headquarters and featured messages from a variety of speakers, dinner and commemoration of the lives of silent victims of violence occurring over the past year. Additional highlights included observance T-shirts, other giveaways and literature on victims' rights and community resources.



On April 6, LGBTQ Liaison Officer Charles Strickland hosted *Victim Stories of Strength, Resilience and Justice* - an LGBTQ empowerment event to engage community members who have been victims of crime. Highlights included artistic performances by local artist Tony Jackson; a question and answer session with Attorney Meredith Nicholson; a dinner meal, giveaways and resource literature.

Community Outreach and Events

Youth Empowerment Day - "OH Snap! Let's Chat, A Youth Empowerment Day," sponsored by the Durham (NC) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated and the Durham Police Department was held on May 6 at DPD Headquarters. The free youth symposium was designed for children ages 12-17, and educated and empowered Durham youth through creative and participative instruction in four subject areas: anti-gang violence, social media awareness, *Dress for Success* and police encounters. Breakfast, lunch and prizes were provided.



PAL Soccer Clinic - Approximately 25 3rd grade students attended the Police Athletic League (PAL) soccer clinic, which was held on June 17 at Holton Resource Center. The clinic was designed to introduce the children to the sport of soccer and teach them basic skills so they will be able to compete with the 4th and 5th graders they will be

playing with in PAL soccer this fall. It also gave the players a great chance to interact with officers in a non-law enforcement setting. DPD employees along with a state trooper and several volunteers from Raleigh and Durham helped out. Triangle United Soccer who provided equipment, refreshments and coaches for the clinic. Every player was given a PAL Camp T-shirt, a Nike soccer ball and a Triangle United water bottle.

Junior Bulls - Sworn and non-sworn employees from the Durham Police Department volunteered to take Police Athletic League (PAL) participants to four Durham Bulls games this summer as part of the Junior Bulls initiative. The participants attended free games and were provided with food and drinks. They also played games in Wool E's World. The Junior Bulls program is designed to raise awareness of drug abuse.



Community Outreach and Events

CIT Fishing Day - Officers Kendrick Hunter and Douglas Beckett with the Durham Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit provided a special day of fishing at Falls Lake in May for members of Threshold, an organization which serves adults with serious mental illness. The officers obtained donated fishing rods and equipment and took approximately 10 people on the fishing trip. It was the first fishing trip ever for several participants and many fish were caught during a fun day. According to Threshold, "Not only does this help build relationships and tighten bonds within our community, but it creates a positive image that spreads across all sections of our special Durham community."



June G.R.E.A.T. Camp - The Durham Police Department held its first session of G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) summer camp from June 19 to June 23. G.R.E.A.T. camps are provided free-of-charge for youth ages 9 to 13. Sessions will also be held in July and August. The camp included trips to Wheels, Wet 'N Wild Water Park, Falls Lake and the Carolina Tiger Preserve. Participants also visited Teen Court and the Durham County Jail as well as attending various classes.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day - The Durham Police Department (DPD) observed National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2. To show support, the DPD headquarters building was illuminated with orange lighting during the evening and employees wore orange clothing and wristbands throughout the day. A ceremony was held for residents to show solidarity against gun violence.



DPD Community Activities

PAL Volunteer Appreciation Day - The Police Athletic League (PAL) held a volunteer appreciation day on April 29 at Cook Road Park. Approximately 30 volunteers who had assisted with PAL programs over the past year were recognized.

SwingPals - The DPD's Police Athletic League (PAL) partnered for the first time with SwingPals to offer two one-week golf camps to students from Shepard, Neal, Brogden and Lowes Grove middle schools. During the last week of June, six students attended SwingPals golf camp at Hillandale Golf Course. The students, none of whom had ever played golf before, learned how to play golf and were taught life skills such as stress management and interpersonal skills. A second camp was held in July.



Special Olympics Torch Run - Durham Police Department employees participated in the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run 2017 on June 1 to raise money for Special Olympics. Employees ran and biked more than seven miles through Durham from DPD Headquarters on West Chapel Hill Street to Sheetz on South Miami Boulevard, where officers handed off the Flame of Hope torch to Wake County law enforcement officers. Each year, law enforcement officials carry the Flame of Hope across the state in the Torch Run, culminating in the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games in Raleigh on June 2. The 2,000-mile, month-long Torch Run Relay involves more than 2,500 law enforcement officers and personnel representing more than 200 law enforcement agencies across North Carolina.



DPD Community Activities

Food Packages for the Homeless - Officers from the DPD's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit have teamed up with Healing With Caare on Broadway Street to deliver food packages to the homeless every other Tuesday. This allows officers to maintain contact and assist the homeless community with any other issues that they can help with.



CIT Care Reviews - CIT Officers Kendrick Hunter and Douglas Beckett attend Care Reviews at the homeless shelter and at the Health Department on a regular basis to work out action plans for people with chronic issues. They address housing, clothing, health care, food and many other topics.

CIT/PTSD Awareness Presentation - CIT Officers Kendrick Hunter and Douglas Beckett made presentations at the PTSD awareness event for first responders on June 23 at the Durham County Health Department.



Child Safety Seat Event - Officers from the Traffic Services Unit held a child safety seat event on May 10 on Milton Road. Officers helped residents ensure that car seats were safely installed in vehicles.

Cops on Top - Durham Police Department employees participated in Cops on Top on May 19 at Chick-Fil-A at 3429 Hillsborough Road. DPD volunteers sat on top of the restaurant and worked the drive-thru to raise funds for North Carolina Special Olympics.



DPD Community Activities

Peace Officers Memorial Service - The annual Durham Peace Officers Memorial Service was held on Friday, April 28 at Grey Stone Church, 2601 Hillsborough Road. Durham Police Chief Cerelyn “C.J.” Davis was the keynote speaker. The Hillside High School gospel choir provided music. The service, which was hosted by the Durham County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #2, is held to remember law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty and to honor their families. The service also pays tribute to current and retired law enforcement officers.



Ireland LGBTQ Delegation Presentation - DPD LGBTQ Liaison Officer Charles Strickland hosted the Ireland Delegation visit at DPD headquarters on May 3. The delegation was from the Irish Institute, a grant-funded program at Boston College aimed at professional development as a tool for peace and reconciliation in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Ten senior leaders and policy makers from Ireland visited the United States as part of a program called “Advocating for Human and Civil Rights for the LGBTQ Community.”

APS Walk for the Animals - The Durham Police Department participated in the APS Walk for the Animals on May 20. The DPD came in third in fundraising for the event. Officers and dogs from the DPD K9 Unit put on a demonstration and Assistant Chief Todd Rose was one of the judges for several contests.



Easter Baskets for the Rescue Mission - Investigators from District 2 Criminal Investigations Division bought several Easter baskets for the Rescue Mission in April.

DPD Community Activities

Touch A Truck - The Durham Police Department participated in the Touch a Truck event on June 25 in front of the Durham Bulls Athletic Park. The event featured police, fire and EMS vehicles for people to touch and explore, while also learning about the vehicles and employees who operate them. DPD showcased vehicles from the Selective Enforcement Team (SET), Motorcycle Unit, Patrol (MADD-themed patrol car), Community Resource Unit, Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) Unit and Biological Chemical Emergency Response Team (BCERT).



Police R.E.A.D.S. - DPD employees participated in the Police R.E.A.D.S. program in April and May at Y.E. Smith Elementary School.

Federal Prison Diversity Presentation - DP LGBTQ Liaison Officer Charles Strickland gave a presentation about diversity and inclusion to federal employees at FCI Butner on June 29. He also discussed his experience of being an openly gay officer.

CHARLES STRICKLAND, JR.

AFFIRMATIVE EMPLOYMENT LGBT PROGRAM

Guest Speaker: Charles Strickland, Jr.

Chief Charles Strickland, Jr. will address police officers affiliated with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office Police Department (LGBT) Police Officers Association. He will also represent the Dallas Police Department (LGBT) Police Officers Association. He will also represent the Dallas Police Department (LGBT) Police Officers Association.

Strickland serves as a mentor to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender community, and is involved in initiatives, such as developing a police policy for dealing with people who identify as transgender. He also helps to arrange meetings of the LGBT Police Officers Association to be more comfortable with reporting crimes in the police.

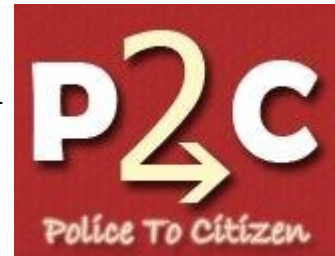
Read more about him: <http://www.dallasnews.com/content/dam/DallasNews/nr/charles-strickland-jr-011717.pdf>

DPD Initiatives and Updates

Vehicle Break-In Crime Prevention Flyers - Officers from Squad 4-B assisted District 4 C.I.D. with a crime prevention initiative targeting vehicle break-ins in parking lots during the month of May by either placing 100 crime prevention flyers on vehicle windshields or handing them to people directly in the areas of Southern Boundaries Park, Piney Wood Park and C.N. Herndon Park, where there had been a large spike in vehicle break-ins.

Panhandling Initiative - District 3 has been conducting an initiative focusing on illegal panhandling in the areas of Fayetteville Road and Interstate 40, Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard and the Durham Freeway. Since May 8 officers have issued 25 citations and made 16 arrests.

P2C Update - In January, the Durham Police Department implemented its new Police to Citizen (P2C) online service to help people enter certain incident reports, perform simple searches and retrieve, download and print certain reports. People can use the site to report larceny, vandalism, fraud/forgery and lost property incidents. Fifty-two reports were taken during the first quarter of 2017 and more than 200 reports were taken during April, May and June 2017. The site is located at <http://p2c.durhampolice.com>



Body Worn Camera Update - As of July 1, 297 body worn cameras were issued. Cameras were issued to all patrol officers including TACT, Motor, Bike, K-9, Slide Squads, Watch Commanders, Desk Officers, Captains and Lieutenants. All officers attend a training class when they are issued the cameras.

To date, 409 cameras have been issued. Since July 1, cameras have been issued to the Selective Enforcement Team (SET), Professional Standards Division, Intelligence Unit, Training and Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) academy. Training and issuance is ongoing through September for investigators and other units including the Community Services Division.

The auto-tagging pilot began on June 1 and is now ready for full departmental deployment, which is scheduled for August 30. Auto-tagging improves efficiency for officers by eliminating the task of tagging every video during or after their shift.



Homicide Arrests

Bernabe Dubon Murder Arrests - Two men and a woman were arrested and charged with fatally shooting 62-year-old Bernabe Dubon during an apparent robbery June 11 at the intersection of Fiske Street and Fidelity Drive. Khalil Knight, 22, was charged with murder and armed robbery. Kenneth Gibbs, 21, and Monet Wise, 23, were both charged with murder. All three suspects are from Durham. The three were arrested several hours after the homicide when Officer J.H. Wagstaff spotted a stolen Honda Civic on Glasgow Street and Rowemont Drive and stopped it. The car had been stolen three days earlier from the campus of Durham Technical Community College.

Kamari Munerlyn Murder Arrest - Devon Maurice Fowler, 28, of Junction Road was arrested on June 7 and charged with fatally shooting a 7-year-old boy on Hillandale Road on June 4. Durham police officers responded to a shooting call in the parking lot of a restaurant at the corner of Guess Road and Carver Street shortly before 5 p.m. on June 4. When they arrived, they found Kamari Munerlyn who had been shot inside a vehicle on Hillandale Road. Kamari, 7 years old, was pronounced dead approximately 45 minutes later at a local hospital. The incident happened as a Honda Pilot SUV occupied by Kamari, five adults, including Kamari's mother, and four other children (ages 2 to 12) was travelling north on Hillandale Road near Peppertree Street after leaving a local swimming pool. One witness told DPD investigators that a vehicle occupied by several people started to tailgate the Honda Pilot and then pulled beside the Honda. Several shots were fired at the Honda Pilot from the suspect vehicle. At this time, it does not appear that anyone in the Honda Pilot returned fire, according to a preliminary investigation.

The driver of the Honda Pilot discovered that Kamari, who had been sitting in the third row of the SUV, had been shot. The driver then turned onto Guess Road to drive to the hospital. No other occupants of the Honda Pilot were injured. The driver then pulled over in the parking lot of Tokyo Express on Guess Road because a tire on the Honda Pilot had been flattened during the incident. A Durham Police K9 officer performed CPR on the child until EMS arrived. One adult male passenger in the Honda Pilot fled from the scene on foot before officers arrived. Two other adult male passengers left the scene and went to the hospital. Investigators do not believe this was a random act.

Fowler was charged with murder and felony conspiracy and placed in Durham County Jail without bond. Fowler was arrested at the Extended Stay America on Bluestone Drive in Raleigh by members of the U.S. Marshals Service's Joint Fugitive Task Force (Middle District of North Carolina) and the U.S. Marshals Service's Violent Fugitive Task Force (Eastern District of North Carolina).

2016 Murder Arrest - Demonte Christopher, wanted for a 2016 murder in Durham, was arrested May 9 in Atlanta, Georgia. Christopher was one of three people charged in the July 10, 2016 shooting death of 19-year-old Andre Bond on Woodview Drive. Investigators arrested 16-year-old Uniece Fennell and 21-year-old Joseph Kendell Jr. in 2016 and charged them both with murder. In addition to murder, Christopher is charged with a felony probation violation, discharging a firearm into occupied property and discharging a weapon with a pattern of street gang activity. Investigators said Bond and the suspects knew each other.

Usha Chatman Murder Arrests - Two men were arrested and charged with murder in connection with the December 24, 2016 shooting death of 22-year-old Usha Chatman. A third man was arrested in connection with the murder in December 2016. Chatman was found shot to death inside a vehicle in the 2800 block of Rochelle Street shortly after 9 p.m. on December 24. Investigators said the shooting did not appear to be a random incident.

On May 1, investigators from the Durham Police Department's Homicide Unit arrested Elijah Hosea Everett, 20, in Morrisville and charged him with murder. Members of the U.S. Marshals Joint Fugitive Task Force arrested Mychal Quinton Todd Mercer, 26, on a murder charge on May 2 on Charles Street. Everett and Mercer have been placed in Durham County Jail without bond. Hakeem Kyri Hubbard, 26, was arrested on December 28 and charged with murder. Hubbard is also facing charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and felony probation violation. He remains incarcerated in the Durham County Jail.

Eric Oliver Murder Arrest - Ricky Lee Evans was arrested and charged with murder in connection with the April 12 fatal shooting of 28-year-old Eric Russell Oliver. Officers responded to a shooting call at 1309 Hudson Ave. shortly after 7 p.m. When they arrived, they found Oliver who had been shot in the parking lot. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Evans, 27, of Durham, was arrested on May 23 in Dillon, S.C.

James Legg Manslaughter Charge - Ethan John Booker, 27, of Durham was arrested and charged with the fatal shooting of James Edward Legg, 30, of Raleigh on May 13 in the 900 block of West Main Street. Booker is charged with voluntary manslaughter, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and discharging a firearm within the city limits. He was released from jail after posting a \$50,000 bond.

Significant Robbery Arrests

April

Robbery Arrest - Idee Johnson III, 20, was arrested and charged with robbing a man of a dirt bike on April 25 on New Castle Road. The victim told officers he had advertised the dirt bike for sale on Craigslist and agreed to meet a possible buyer in Durham. He met with two men about the bike and agreed to let one take it on a test drive. The other man pointed a gun at the victim at that time and told him the bike was gone. It was recovered three weeks later on Belvin Avenue. Johnson was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. The second person has not been identified.

Robbery Arrests - Two people were arrested in connection with an armed carjacking that happened April 11 on Cheek Road. Officers responded to an armed robbery call in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 1835 Cheek Road around 10:30 p.m. The victims told officers they were parking their Nissan Sentra when a male approached them, displayed a gun and fled in the car. A second male was waiting nearby in a gray car and followed the victims' stolen Nissan out of the parking lot.

Durham Police Officer S.J. Crossan spotted the stolen Nissan on East Club Boulevard approximately 10 minutes later and attempted to stop it. The driver did not stop and officers chased the Nissan east on East Club Boulevard and then north on Dearborn Drive. The driver, identified as 23-year-old Davayon Traquell Jones of Durham, jumped out of the car near Dearborn Drive and Keystone Place. Officers located Jones hiding under a sink inside an apartment in Oxford Manor following a standoff that lasted several hours. Jones was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony speeding to elude law enforcement officers, driving without a license and hit-and-run. Jones was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$350,000 bond. A 15-year-old juvenile male was charged with conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a stolen vehicle. Officers said the juvenile was driving the gray vehicle, which had also been reported stolen. He was arrested on Dearborn Drive.

Robbery/Kidnapping Arrest - Members of the U.S. Marshals Joint Fugitive Task Force arrested McLandra Dale Roper Jr. July 5 on Mathison Street. Roper, 24, is charged with robbing an 18-year-old man at gunpoint on April 13 near Taylor Street. Roper is facing charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Robbery Arrests - Durham police arrested three men in connection with an armed robbery in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Broad Street. The robbery was reported at 2112 Broad Street around 10:20 p.m. on April 29. A man told officers he was standing by his vehicle, which was occupied by an adult female and two female juveniles, when two males armed with guns approached the vehicle. One male pointed a gun at the male victim and demanded money and the second male pointed a gun at the female in the vehicle and took her pocketbook. The suspects fled in a blue Chevrolet Cobalt with temporary tags. Officers were told that the vehicle and suspects were at the Joy Mart at 2109 North Roxboro Street. When officers arrived on the scene, they found the Cobalt in the parking lot with a male in the back seat. They found two other males inside the store. Officers recovered two guns and the victims' belongings from the vehicle.

Two men – Frankie Lamonte Pettiford, 33, of Durham and Cortez Young, 23, of Roxboro – were arrested and charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and two counts of felony conspiracy. Pettiford was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen firearm and a parole violation. He was placed in Durham County Jail without a bond. Young was also charged with failure to appear in court on a marijuana possession charge. He was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$501,000 bond. A third man – Rashaun Hayes-Watson, 24, of Durham – was charged with two counts of felony conspiracy for robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$60,000 bond.

Pettiford is also facing additional charges in connection with an April 29 burglary near Carpenter Fletcher Road. Pettiford is charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, injury to property, larceny of a firearm, possession of stolen property, an additional charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and two counts of larceny of a dog. (Both dogs – a German Shepherd and an Australian Shepherd – have been located and are unharmed).

Murphy Express Robbery Arrest - Durham police investigators have arrested a man and charged him with robbing a Murphy Express convenience store at gunpoint in April. Officers responded to an armed robbery call at Murphy Express at 1039 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway around 3:30 a.m. on April 26. Two males armed with guns demanded money from the cashier and ran out of the business toward South Roxboro Street.

A short time later, an officer spotted a black Pontiac on Grey Elm Trail and South Roxboro Street. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver sped away. Officers saw the car again a few minutes later on Linden Oaks Avenue and tried to stop it. The driver and passenger jumped out of the car and fled. Officers found two guns and a cash drawer from Murphy Express inside the abandoned vehicle. One gun had been reported stolen in Chatham County. A

few hours later, a man called 911 and reported that his black Pontiac had been stolen from Cook Road. Officers who responded to the call realized the Pontiac officers had recovered a few hours earlier was the one the man was reporting stolen and the man matched the description of one of the robbery suspects. Jermaine Erick Hart, 20, was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault by pointing a gun in connection with the Murphy Express robbery. He is also facing charges of simple assault and possession of cocaine. Hart was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$251,000 bond. The second suspect has not been identified at this time.

May Robbery Arrests

Bank Robbery Arrests - Melvin Williamson 50, of Durham was arrested and charged with robbing two banks in Durham. He was charged with robbing the State Employees' Credit Union on Ben Franklin Boulevard of an undisclosed amount of cash on April 28. He was also charged with robbing SunTrust Bank on N.C. 54 Highway on May 5. Williamson, who was nicknamed "The Ball Cap Bandit," was arrested on May 24 in Midland, Texas and charged with robbing a bank there.

Robbery Arrests - Two people were charged with robbing two people at gunpoint at East End Park on May 13. The victims – a 15-year-old male and a 24-year-old male – were robbed at gunpoint of wallets and cell phones. One victim was injured while fighting with one of the suspects. Investigators charged Jamien Baptist, 17, and Darren Dixon, 20, with robbery with a firearm and conspiracy to commit robbery with a firearm. Baptist was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Robbery/Kidnapping Arrest - Deangelo Morales, 28, of Raleigh was arrested on July 5 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was wanted in connection with the armed robbery of H&P Biz Center at 5400 South Miami Boulevard in May. A man smashed a door glass to enter H&P Biz Center around 7:30 a.m. on May 29, pointed a gun at an employee and demanded money. The man fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Morales is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Robbery Arrest - Members of the U.S. Marshals Joint Fugitive Task Force arrested Maricos Deshawn Clayton, 25, of Durham on May 12 in connection with a carjacking that occurred in January near the intersection of Weldon Terrace and Owen Street. Clayton was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A male told officers he was dropping a female off at her residence when four males approached him and stole his car at gunpoint on January 3. A second man, Devonta Jaquan McCallum, 24, was arrested on January 29 on robbery charges in connection with this case.

Robbery Arrest - A Durham man was arrested on May 7 and charged with robbing a man at gunpoint in a bathroom at Burlington Coat Factory at 3500 North Roxboro Street. The 28-year-old victim told officers he was in the bathroom around 1:30 p.m. on Sunday when a man wearing a black bandana over his face approached him and stuck an object against his torso. The man then pointed a gun at the victim's head and took money from his wallet. The man also allegedly pointed a gun at a manager of the business.

Officers were given a description of the suspect and found a man matching the description behind a building on Pickwick Trail. The man – Matthew James Thomas, 20, of Durham – was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon.

Robbery Arrest - Demonte Gatewood, 21, was arrested on May 31 and charged in connection with a January robbery and home invasion on South LaSalle Street. Three males kicked in the front door of an apartment at 311 South LaSalle Street around 9:30 p.m. on January 22. The apartment was occupied by two adults and two children. The suspects pointed a gun at the residents and demanded money. The suspects fled with an Xbox game system. Gatewood is charged with three counts of assault by pointing a gun, one count of first-degree burglary, one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The other two suspects have not been identified at this time. Gatewood was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$350,000 bond.

June Robbery Arrests

Robbery/Kidnapping Charges - Rollin Anthony Owens Jr., 29, of Durham was arrested on June 20 and charged with committing a series of armed robberies and kidnappings over the prior few days. The arrest happened after a man knocked on the door of a house in the West End neighborhood around 7 a.m. on June 20 and asked for money. A resident gave the man money, but the man then forced the residents (an adult male, an adult female and two young children) out of the house and into the victims' vehicle at gunpoint. The man forced one of the victims to drive the vehicle to an ATM and withdraw money. He also forced him to drive to a convenience store before forcing them to drive to Target on Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard, according to investigators. The suspect forced the victims to go into the store with him and had them purchase several bags of clothing and gift cards.

While in the store, one victim alerted an employee who called 911. Durham police officers happened to be in the parking lot of Target when the call came out shortly before 8:30 a.m. and were able to arrest Owens without incident. He was charged with several counts of second-degree kidnapping and robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with this incident.

Owens is also charged in connection with the following cases:

- On June 17, a man was at Burch Avenue Park with his two young children when a man approached him around 10:45 a.m. and asked for money. The man then put a gun to the victim's head as the victim was putting his children in a car. The suspect forced the victim to drive him to an ATM and withdraw money and then drive him to a convenience store. The suspect got out of the car on Estes Street and fled.
- On June 18 around 2:30 a.m., a male was walking on Morgan Street when a man approached him and demanded money. When the victim said he had no money, the man put a gun to his stomach and then fled. The suspect approached the victim again a short time later, put a gun to his stomach and again asked for money. The suspect fled without any cash.
- On June 18, two brothers, ages 31 and 32, were in a parking lot of an apartment complex on Duke University Road around 11:15 p.m. when a man armed with a gun approached them and asked for money. The younger brother struggled with the suspect and the suspect hit him on the head and face numerous times with his gun. The suspect then forced the younger brother into the trunk of a vehicle and forced the older brother to drive the vehicle to an ATM and a convenience store to buy cigarettes. The suspect fled from the vehicle at an unknown location. The younger brother was treated for lacerations to his face and head and a possible concussion.
- Officers were dispatched to a robbery call on Morehead Avenue around 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20. A male told officers a man walked up to him and asked for money. When the victim told him no, the suspect grabbed the victim's cup of coffee. The suspect took a sip of the coffee, told the victim he didn't like it because it was too sweet and put it down. He then demanded money from the victim and pointed a gun and a knife at him. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. He also tried to take the victim's vehicle but was scared away when another vehicle drove by.

Owens is facing numerous charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping, assault inflicting serious injury and assault by pointing a gun. He was also arrested on prior charges of felony larceny, breaking and entering, obtaining property by false pretense and trespassing. He was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$1 million bond.

Robbery Arrest - On June 17, Officer M.D. Donovan attempted to stop a stolen Nissan Xterra at Briggs Avenue and East Main Street. The Xterra had been stolen the previous night from a downtown Durham parking deck. The driver refused to stop and Officer Donovan pursued the vehicle until it hit a curb on Miami Boulevard next to Woodlawn Memorial Park. The vehicle

continued into the cemetery and damaged several graves before it stopped. The driver, 59-year-old James Daniel Bloodworth, was wanted for several armed robberies in Raleigh.

Bloodworth was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, felony speeding to elude law enforcement officers and damage to property in connection with the pursuit. He was also charged with common-law robbery in connection with the theft of the vehicle on June 16. A female told officers she was getting into her 2005 Nissan Xterra in the parking deck at 110 South Corcoran Street around 11 p.m. when a male grabbed her and pulled her out of the car. He punched her several times in the face and head when she attempted to stop him from stealing the car.

Carolina Stained Glass Robbery Arrests -Two men were arrested on June 15 and charged with numerous felonies in connection with the May 24 armed robbery of Carolina Stained Glass on Guess Road. Members of the U.S. Marshals Service's Violent Fugitive Task Force (Eastern District of North Carolina) arrested 39-year-old James Staton in Wilson and 49-year-old Willie Kearney in Garner yesterday.

Two males, one armed with a gun, entered the store around 3 p.m. on May 24 and used duct tape to restrain a 59-year-old victim and a 76-year-old victim. The suspects fled after taking cash and other items from the store and from the victims.

Durham police investigators charged Staton and Kearney with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and two counts of felony conspiracy. Staton was also charged with one count of simple assault. Both men were placed in Durham County Jail under \$500,000 bonds.

Robbery Arrest - Malik Shackleford was arrested on June 6 and charged with robbing the Subway on Avondale Drive in 2016. Three males wearing red bandanas over their faces and armed with guns entered the Subway at 2120 Avondale Drive shortly before 11 p.m. on November 13. The males took cash and a phone from an employee. They are believed to have left in a Nissan Pathfinder that had been reported stolen in Alamance County. Shackleford was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$55,000 bond. The other two suspects have not been arrested at this time.

Robbery Arrest - Christopher Jacobs, 34, of Durham was arrested in May and charged with committing three robberies. He was charged with a May 2 armed robbery at the Kangaroo, 3321 NC 55 Highway. Two men entered the business around 1:45 a.m. on May 2 and stole beer

and cigarettes. One suspect implied he had a gun. Jacobs was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Jacobs was charged with robbing a man of his Chevrolet Cavalier and other items on April 22. The victim told officers he was stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of Calvert Place and East Pettigrew Street around 6:30 a.m. when a vehicle pulled up behind him and two men got out. The men approached the victim's vehicle and one man hit the victim numerous times on his face, head and torso with a metal tool. They pulled the victim out of the car and took the victim's wallet and phone before fleeing in the Chevrolet Cavalier. Jacobs is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy in that case.

Jacobs was also charged in connection with an attempted robbery on May 3 at the Exxon at 106 East NC 54 Highway. Two males entered the business and attempted to steal money from the cash register. One male leaned across the counter and tried to grab money from the cash register, but the clerk struggled with him and the two men fled without taking anything. Jacobs is wanted for attempted common-law robbery in this case.

Jacobs was arrested on June 28 following a hit-and-run accident involving a stolen car. He was also wanted on numerous larceny and fraud charges.

Significant 2nd Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrest - Nicholas Clayton, 25, of Durham was arrested and charged with shooting a man in the back on Crest Street on May 19. The shooting occurred after an earlier argument involving several females. A car and an apartment were struck by bullets during the incident. Clayton was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, three counts of injury to property, one count of conspiracy and two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Nakyra Bethea, 21, of Durham was charged with misdemeanor conspiracy in this case.

Aggravated Assault (Lighter Fluid) Arrest - A parent was arrested in April and charged with spraying lighter fluid on a teacher at the school. The parent – Shequelia Sheala Leonard, 30, of Durham – was at Eno Valley Elementary School on April 25 for a parent-teacher conference when she was asked to leave. She is accused of taking a bottle of lighter fluid out of her purse and spraying a teacher in the eyes with it. She is also accused of threatening to light the teacher on fire and burn down the school. Leonard was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, communicating threats and malicious use of an incendiary device. The teacher was treated by EMS.

Shooting Arrest - Durham police investigators charged Tyrie Dylon Thomas, 19, of Durham with shooting a 14-year-old male on Kilarney Drive on June 13. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Thomas was stopped by Apex police officers on June 17 and charged by Apex PD with possession of a stolen firearm (reported stolen in Houston, Texas in 1979) and carrying a concealed gun. Durham investigators charged him with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Shooting Charge - James Scott Berish, 23, of Durham was arrested on May 17 and charged with shooting a 10-year-old girl on May 14 in an apartment on Garrett Road. Officers responded to a shooting call at 3:20 a.m. Upon arrival, they discovered a 10-year-old child who was injured while sleeping in her bed. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. She was injured by a bullet that came through the ceiling from a second-floor apartment, located directly above her first-floor apartment. Berish was charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and one count of possession of a stolen firearm (a .45-caliber handgun).

Shooting Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested 21-year-old Michael D'Lante Gibson in April and charged him with shooting two men on Angier Avenue last October. Officers were dispatched to a "gunshot wound" call in the 2100 block of Angier Avenue shortly after 3 p.m. on October 31, 2016. They found two victims – a 50-year-old male and a 25-year-old male – who had been shot. Both were taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. The incident appeared to have been a drive-by shooting, according to investigators. Gibson was arrested on April 21 in Burlington. He was charged with attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Shooting Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested Stephen Tabias Whitted in connection with a home invasion and shooting on Hidden Springs Drive. Officers were dispatched to a shooting at a house on Hidden Springs Drive at 12:03 a.m. on April 8. When they arrived, they found a 35-year-old male who had been shot. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Two males, one wearing a mask and both armed with guns, entered the residence and demanded money. The suspects took a phone and fled. Whitted, 30, of Raleigh is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. The second suspect has not been identified at this time. The incident did not appear to have been random, according to investigators.

Significant 2nd Quarter Property Crime Arrests

Burglary Arrests - District 2 investigators charged a 14-year-old male with committing six business burglaries during May and June. He was charged with breaking into Pelican's SnoBalls on North Roxboro Street three times and the N.C. Museum of Life and Science on West Murray Avenue two times. He was also charged with attempting to break into Triangle Auto Brokers on North Roxboro Street. He is charged with stealing numerous items including cash, more than \$600 worth of fidget spinners, phones, Pelican's tokens, drinks and toys.

Storage Unit Burglaries Arrest - Demarkee Rayheem Midgette, 21, was arrested and charged with breaking into 16 storage units at Rutledge Mini Storage on Aiken Avenue on May 3. Officers found several stolen dirt bikes and ATVs near the burglarized storage units. Midgette was charged with 16 counts of breaking and entering, four counts of larceny of motor vehicle and two counts of larceny after breaking and entering.

Burglary/Assault Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested a man on June 26 and charged him with breaking into a home and assaulting a resident in the Forest Hills neighborhood on May 5. Eldrewn L. Baine Jr., 18, of Durham was charged with first-degree burglary, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and larceny after breaking and entering. Baine is accused of breaking into the home through a window shortly before 2 a.m. and using a knife to cut a female resident. He is charged with stealing phones, a laptop computer and a tablet. Investigators said Baine did not know the resident of the house. The warrants were served on Baine at the Durham County Jail, where he had been incarcerated since he was arrested on June 13 on other burglary charges. He was charged on June 13 with attempting to break into an occupied home on Morehead Avenue shortly before 5 a.m. He was also charged with damage to property. Officers caught Baine after a brief foot pursuit. He was also served with another warrant at that time charging him with breaking into a home on Fargo Street on May 25 and stealing a television set and alcohol.

Drug Trafficking Arrests

Cocaine Trafficking Arrests - Investigators from the Durham Police Department's Special Operations Division arrested two men on cocaine trafficking charges on June 23. Investigators, acting on information, executed a search warrant and found more than 1,000 grams (approximately 2.2 pounds) of cocaine inside a package. As a result of that search warrant, investigators served another search warrant at First Choice Insurance Company at 3204 Guess Road and located 2,182.4 grams of marijuana and cash.

Investigators arrested Wilson Leonel Hernandez Perez, 31, of Alcott Street and Omar Lobato Ruiz, 22, of University Drive and charged them both with trafficking in cocaine and possession of a vehicle/dwelling for the manufacture, sale or delivery of controlled substances. Ruiz was also charged with felony possession of marijuana. Investigators served an additional warrant at Perez's home on Alcott Street and located a .357 revolver. Both men were placed in Durham County Jail under \$2.5 million bonds.

Cocaine/Heroin Trafficking Arrest - On May 12, the DPD's Vice-Narcotics Unit arrested Mario Dwayne Lee, 49, of Cary on several felony drug charges. Lee had 12 grams of heroin and 51.8 grams of crack cocaine with him when he was arrested. Investigators also found 369.8 grams of marijuana and two guns. Lee was charged with two counts of trafficking heroin, two counts of trafficking cocaine, two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a park.

Oxycodone Trafficking Arrest - On April 21, the DPD's Vice-Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 809 Lee St. Apt. A and confiscated 1.2 grams of cocaine, .8 grams of marijuana and 24 dosage units of oxycodone. Joshua Thomas Evans, 23, was arrested and charged with trafficking schedule I controlled substances, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for the sale or delivery of controlled substances, maintaining a vehicle for the sale or delivery of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Operation Pill Drop - On April 29, the DPD's Vice-Narcotics Unit and Violent Incidence Response Team (VIRT) partnered with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to conduct Operation Pill Drop at four locations throughout Durham. Approximately 180 pounds of medication was collected, which included Morphine, Fentanyl, Hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances. NC Safe Kids provided coloring books for children and other literature to educate the public about prescription drug dangers. All of the medication collected was delivered to the NC State Bureau of Investigation for proper disposal.

April Employees of the Month

District 4 - Officers E.O. Johnson and C.W. Ugolick, Squad 4-D - Officers Johnson and Ugolick responded to a cardiac arrest call. When they arrived, they found an 11-year-old boy who was not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Johnson immediately started performing CPR while Officer Ugolick updated paramedics who were en route to the house. Officer Johnson performed three rounds of CPR before pausing to assess the child's condition. He discovered that the child had a pulse and was breathing. Officers Johnson and Ugolick were recognized for successfully using their training during a very stressful situation to save a life.

Analytical Services - Records Specialist Monica Webb - Records Specialist Monica Webb was recognized as an April 2017 Employee of the Month for her extra efforts while her unit was short staffed. She pulled double duty at the records desk and worked on TRACS accident reports while continuing to handle all of her other assigned duties. She always tries to go the extra mile to provide outstanding customer service and she did an exceptional job, according to her supervisors.

May Employees of the Month

District 1 - Officer M.J. Adams, Squad 1-D - On April 4, officers were dispatched to a robbery call at 500 Main Street. The victim could not say where robbery occurred. Officer Adams developed a good rapport with the victim and was able to get additional information. Officer Adams learned more about the suspect and was able to come up with a possible name. Officer Adams was able to make an arrest in the case. According to his commanders, Officer Adams' patience, good interview skills and legal knowledge allowed him to make an arrest in this case.

District 4 - Cpl. S. A. Gursslin and Officer S.P. Ellison, Squad 4-B - On April 8, Cpl. Gursslin and Officer Ellison was dispatched to a suicide threats call at the Red Roof Inn. The officers went to the room, but received no response, and then entered the room with help of management. At first the officers did not see anyone, but then they found a man lying on the floor with a plastic bag over his head and a sheet wrapped around his neck. Officer Ellison took the plastic bag off the man's head and Cpl. Gursslin took the sheet off the man's neck. The man was taken to the hospital for further treatment.

Special Projects Unit - Officer M.A. Monroe - Officer Monroe received a letter from DA's Office about his excellent work on a DWI case, which resulted in a 30-day active sentence.

Analytical Services – Senior DCI Warrant Control Technician Dee Hedgepeth – Due to staffing shortages, she has done extra duty on on-call. Dee developed Power Up binders with training info for her co-workers and made sure security training was completed for everyone. Dee went above and beyond what her duties required.

North Carolina Traffic Enforcement and Investigation Certificate - Officer J.T. Rose, Squad 1-D, was recognized in May for earning his North Carolina Traffic Enforcement and Investigation Certificate. Officer Rose completed more than 600 hours of training through the North Carolina Justice Academy to become the 279th officer in the state to complete the program.

June Employees of the Month

District 1 - Officer E.R. Ellerman, Squad 1-C - On March 20, an unknown man entered a home on Burnette Street and shot a 51-year-old man and his 79-year-old mother (the mother later died). The suspect stole the man's 2013 Chevrolet Cruze and fled. Officers spotted the stolen vehicle the next day near Hyde Park Avenue and Holloway Street and attempted to stop it, but the driver refused to stop. Officer Ellerman took over as lead on the chase which went through Districts 1 and 2. The driver crashed into a tree on Dearborn Drive and officers took the three occupants into custody. The car then burst into flames. Citizens at the scene mentioned how professional and composed Officer Ellerman was as she handled the chaotic scene. Officer Ellerman's voice was calm during the chase and she maintained control, according to her commanders.

District 2 - Cpl. R.C. Hinton, Squad 2-B - Cpl. Hinton responded to a trespassing call at a local motel and found a woman with eight children, ages two to 17. Cpl. Hinton learned that the family was homeless and made numerous inquiries by phone to motels, homeless shelters and other agencies to find the family a place to stay. She was able to get them a discounted rate at a local motel and Cpl. Hinton gave the family the money to stay there. Cpl. Hinton spent several hours with the mother at the Durham County Department of Social Services to help her find permanent housing. The mother was given a 10-day hotel voucher. Cpl. Hinton demonstrated "empathy, compassion and a desire to make a difference," her commanders said.

District 3 - Officer J.F. Craven, Squad 3-A - Officer Craven was recognized for his work at two separate incidents. On May 9, officers from the Chapel Hill Police Department chased a stolen vehicle into District 3 in Durham. Officer Craven found the vehicle on James Street, where the occupants jumped and ran. Officers were able to apprehend four of the five occupants.

Officers also responded to a call about a 10-year-old girl who had been shot inside an apartment on Garrett Road. Officer Craven quickly grabbed the child, wrapped her wound and took her to the EMS workers. He then worked with the Language Line to assist the child's family.

District 4 - Officer Kayla Blevins, Squad 4-A - Officer Blevins, while temporarily assigned to District 4 CID, was given a runaway case and went above and beyond in handling it. Officer Blevins discovered that the young man was in need of support and help including such basics as shoes and clothing. Officer Blevins enlisted other officers at District 4 and provided him and four other teens with shoes, clothing, school supplies and other items. Officer Blevins was commended for her kindness and compassion.

Central District - K9 Officer Brian Johnson - Officers responded to a shooting involving a 7-year-old boy on Guess Road. K9 Officer Johnson was one of the first officers to arrive at the intense and chaotic scene. K9 Officer Johnson has medical training and attempted to assist the injured child, but was met with resistance at first. Officer Johnson was then able to perform CPR on the child until EMS arrived. Officer Johnson's actions earned the respect of his co-workers and members of the child's family.

Special Projects Unit - Officer Andrew Wilkinson, Slide Squad B - Officer Wilkinson responded to a fraud call at Best Buy at New Hope Commons. He was told that four males were trying to load thousands of dollars worth of items onto fraudulent gift cards. Officer Wilkinson spotted suspects and gave chase. Two tried to leave by vehicle, but Officer Wilkinson caught them. A third was located by a K9 officer and his dog. CID investigators estimate that the suspects had approximately \$20,000 in Apple gift cards, 15 \$900 cell phones and approximately \$80,000 in stolen items.

Forensic Services Unit - Adria Gharati, Latent Examiner - Adria Gharati is new to the unit, but she is always willing to share her knowledge about latent prints with others and she has an excellent work ethic. She worked on a business robbery from District 2 in which two employees were robbed and duct taped. She spent several hours with another CSI teaching her the proper processing techniques. She even came in on her day off to continue to process items from the robbery. Her knowledge and persistence paid off – she was able to identify two suspects who have been arrested in this case.

DPD 2017 Service Awards - The DPD Service Awards were presented during a ceremony on May 25 at City Hall.

Community Service Medals

The Community Service Medal honors DPD police officers, non-sworn DPD employees and members of the general public for service to the community above and beyond the call of duty that promotes public safety.

Non-DPD Employees

Tim Will - Tim Will, a registered nurse at Duke University Hospital emergency room, was recognized for his assistance at a serious traffic accident on North Duke Street in 2016. The scene was chaotic with several people in need of serious medical attention. There were a few younger females crying and screaming because they were in pain. Firefighters were attempting to extricate one person from a vehicle and other public safety personnel were doing everything possible to assist people on the scene. Mr. Will helped an injured woman who was propped up against a tree. He communicated essential information to EMS and relayed what items were needed to stabilize the female so she didn't suffer further injury to her neck. Mr. Will also worked very hard to keep the injured woman calm in this stressful situation. Mr. Will was off duty when he took the time to stop and help an injured person in need of assistance.

Nisha Watson - Nisha Watson has been a physical education teacher at Eastway Elementary School for 18 years and has been a strong supporter and partner of the Durham Police Department's Police Athletic League program since its inception in 2010. She has an extraordinary relationship with her students that not only focuses on physical education, but she also regularly engages them in literature, mathematics, geography, science, civics, art and foreign languages. In addition, she has secured grants to provide funding for new shoes for her "Girls on the Run Team" and for practice equipment and shorts for her Eastway PAL basketball team. Coach Watson has been a great asset to the DPD PAL program. She has put together basketball and soccer teams to represent Eastway every year to date. Every year she has coached and mentored at least 35 elementary students in the PAL program. She has also started a PAL cheerleading team and attends many PAL functions with her team members.

Takeia Smith - Takeia Smith has been a physical education teacher at Y.E. Smith Elementary Museum School for almost 10 years. She has been a strong supporter and partner of the Durham Police Department's Police Athletic League program since its inception in 2010. Coach Smith relates to her students in a unique and extraordinary way. She has the ability to look at each student and describe their individual qualities and characteristics as if she has known them for years. She goes above and beyond just teaching her students the basics of physical

education. She teaches them lessons that will give them a fair chance to excel in life. Coach Smith hosts weekly afterschool clubs for interested students and writes about a variety of topics in her column “Healthful Living with Coach Smith” in the school newsletter.

Coach Smith has been a great asset to the DPD PAL program. She has put together basketball and soccer teams to represent Y.E. Smith every year to date since the PAL program’s inception. She tirelessly gives her personal time to the PAL program by organizing teams, holding practice sessions and coaching multiple teams. She hosts seasonal award ceremonies to reward students for having a successful athletic season and she participates in many other PAL activities. She has been vital in providing the students and families at her school with an opportunity to build positive relationships with police officers. Her actions have truly made a positive difference in our community and in the lives of her students.

DPD Employees

Officer D. Beckett - Officer Douglas Beckett of the Crisis Intervention Team is known for his special and compassionate way of interacting with people throughout the community. He is known as an officer who is able to connect with anyone at any time under many difficult circumstances. Officer Beckett frequently works with members of Durham’s homeless population. He spends his own money to purchase socks, shoes, toiletries, traffic vests and other items to distribute to those in need. He also participated in the planning of the Bull City Fresh Start event focusing on the homeless and helped locate those who would benefit from the program. He and his partner, Officer Kendrick Hunter, truly care about the homeless and are passionate about providing them with assistance.

He often speaks with young people and takes their concerns seriously. He tries to mediate between them and their parents/guardians and encourages them not to give up hope.

We have received multiple emails from people grateful for Officer Beckett’s assistance. He stayed well past his shift time at an off-duty job at Durham Station to ensure the safety of a mother and her daughter. He buys food for people who can’t afford it. He is the first officer to volunteer to anyone at any time and he does it quietly with no desire for accolades.

Officer K.R. Hunter - Officer Kendrick Hunter is an exceptional CIT officer whose work has made a positive difference for many people in the Durham community. He has done outstanding work with the homeless, the mentally ill, veterans and other members of our community served by the Crisis Intervention Team. During the past two years, Officer Hunter has talked at least two people out of committing suicide. He responded to a call in which a young distraught pregnant female had slit her wrists and was locked inside a bathroom. He was finally able to persuade her to come out of the bathroom and go to the hospital for help.

In late 2016, Officer Hunter was off duty when he received a call from a member of a local church who was concerned about a young suicidal veteran. Officer Hunter spoke to the man and was able to convince the man to go to the hospital for counseling.

Officer Hunter, a U.S. Army veteran, is also known for his exceptional work with veterans. Officer Hunter is now the DPD's Veterans Affairs Specialist and one of his main goals is to help veterans in crisis to navigate the VA system.

Officer Hunter and his partner, Officer Douglas Beckett, work closely with Durham's homeless population. They both regularly reach out to the homeless population and provide them with bottles of cold water, traffic vests, socks and other needed items. Officer Hunter is a regular visitor to the Threshold Clubhouse, which serves adults in Durham with severe and persistent mental illnesses. In May 2016, he bought lunch for all the residents.

Lt. Denise Campbell - Lt. Denise Campbell has taken on numerous projects outside of her daily duties to enhance community relationships in Durham. She was the driving force behind the Durham Police Department's MADD-themed patrol cars, which were featured in the Governor's Highway Safety 2017 calendar. She has also made a proposal for "Service and Sacrifice" themed vehicles for the department's liaison officers.

Lt. Campbell has promoted health awareness amongst the department's officers. As part of the 2016 Officer Health Awareness Challenge, Lt. Campbell was responsible for the pink "Breast Cancer" pins to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the blue "Movember Challenge" pins to bring awareness to prostate cancer.

After watching a story on CNN about the Empowerment Project, which is a company that employs homeless women to manufacture parkas that double as sleeping bags for the homeless, Lt. Campbell thought this would be a great way to assist some of Durham's homeless residents and was able to meet with the right people to make this a reality. Lt. Campbell was able to broker a deal with a local tailor to stitch ID numbers on the coats so the owners would be able to differentiate them. She was able to use this project as way to strengthen the partnership between the DPD and the City of Durham in their homeless outreach efforts.

Sgt. V.B. Pearsall - Sgt. V.B. Pearsall is an exemplary employee who continues to put the needs of the community and the department first. Sgt. Pearsall was eligible for retirement in January 2016, but he continues to work for the department because he truly loves his profession. He is a mentor, a leader and a friend to many people within the Durham Police Department and our community. He is actively involved in his church and continues to provide assistance whenever he is called upon.

His community activities are too numerous to list. He helps feed the homeless, mentors youth throughout the community and speaks to groups about serious issues such as gang awareness, bullying, conflict resolution, senior citizen safety and encounters with the police. He attends many community events and participates in clothing and toy drives during the holidays to help those less fortunate.

Sgt. Pearsall's entire career with the DPD can be characterized as exceptional. His presence in the community is known far beyond his physical stature. He has been a positive father figure to countless youth, and even adults, whose circumstances necessitated police involvement. On many occasions, desperate mothers have called Sgt. Pearsall to enlist his calming presence and straight talk demeanor to converse with defiant sons about poor choices and delinquent behavior. He insists that youth demonstrate respect for their parents and authority figures.

Sgt. Pearsall is a true example of dedication, service, commitment and leadership. He is an excellent public servant and community leader.

Officer R.J. Preston - Officer R.J. Preston joined the Durham Police Department in 2014 and in that short amount of time he has stood out by demonstrating an investment of personal time in the community that goes above and beyond what is expected of him. Officer Preston was nominated for District 2 Employee of the Month four times in the past year in recognition for his extraordinary commitment to the community and his passion for his job.

In December, he and another officer responded to a cardiac arrest call and found a woman who had stopped breathing and had no pulse. He and the other officer performed CPR and rescue breathing until EMS arrived and the woman recovered.

While on patrol he often stops to play basketball with children in the community and he has been a mentor to several children. He genuinely cares about them and has been a positive role model in their lives. He and other officers on his squad attended a birthday party for a 6-year-old who loves the police and made the child's day extra special.

He is diligent in handling his calls and often goes the extra mile. These are just a few examples of those calls. Officer Preston responded to a call about an unknown male who was exposing himself to children at a church playground and solved the case after a two-day investigation. He responded to a disturbance call and learned that a dog had been assaulted. He chased and apprehended the suspect and also rescued the badly injured dog. The dog is recovering. He found an elderly disoriented female and learned that she was living in dangerous, unsanitary conditions. He followed up to make sure the case was being investigated. Officer Preston has also been commended by the District Attorney's Office for his handling of investigations. He truly is an asset to the Durham Police Department and our community.

Kimberle Walker - Senior Public Affairs Specialist Kimberle Walker has played a key role in the Durham Police Department's partnerships with the community. She has given her time freely to ensure the success of many programs and events.

For a decade, Kimberle spearheaded the annual National Night Out observance. She has been the ultimate planner and has gone the extra mile to make the program a success. Her knack for special event coordination helped to increase the NNO participation by more than 300 percent since 2005. Under Kim's leadership, Durham was ranked in the top 20 for similar-sized cities by the National Association of Town Watch for the past 10 years for its overall NNO campaign.

Kimberle has also spent countless hours planning, organizing, publicizing and executing the annual Citizens' Police Academy. This six-week showcase program educates the public about police work and helps enhance the partnership between the police and the community.

In addition, Kimberle recognized a need for the department to better manage its event calendar in response to a high level of community interest in partnering with the Durham Police Department. She developed a process to make these partnership inquiries more efficient for DPD personnel and community event planners.

Certificates of Merit

Certificates of Merit are presented for outstanding performance or devotion to duty, possibly involving personal safety.

Sgt. T.M. Ochman, Corporal R.D. Clayton and Corporal D.C. Reaves - On March 24, 2016, officers were dispatched to a suicide attempt call at a parking garage on East Chapel Hill Street. They located a distraught man standing on a concrete post on the top level of the parking deck. The wind was blowing hard and the man was in danger of falling. The man was clearly in crisis and in immediate need of assistance. Cpl. R.D. Clayton, Cpl. D.C. Reaves and Sgt. T.M. Ochman stayed with the man and tried to get him to come down off the ledge.

Cpl. Reaves started talking to the man and developed a rapport with him. The man was very emotional and ranged from seemingly ready to come down to getting close to jumping off the deck. Cpl. Reaves continued to speak with the man and kept the man engaged. Sgt. Ochman and the man recognized each other and started to talk. The man still refused to come down and several times it appeared he was preparing to jump. Cpl. Clayton was handed a wallet with a photo of the man's daughter in it. Cpl. Clayton spoke to the man about how important he was to his daughter and how she would miss him if he were gone. Cpl. Clayton was also able to use the fact that both of them had served in the military to develop some common ground.

The three officers continued to speak with the man for several more minutes and finally were able to convince him to come down. If not for the teamwork and compassion shown by Cpl. Clayton, Cpl. Reaves and Sgt. Ochman, this man likely would have jumped to his death. Their actions that night truly made a difference.

Officer J.J. Holmes and Officer K. De La Cruz - On April 10, 2016, Officer J.J. Holmes and Officer K. De La Cruz were dispatched to a heroin overdose call. Officers Holmes and De La Cruz were the first emergency responders on the scene and they found an unresponsive man. While attempting to check the man's pulse, Officer Holmes noticed that the man's face was starting to turn blue and his pulse was very faint.

Officers Holmes and De La Cruz quickly began CPR and Officer De La Cruz asked the man's girlfriend to assist with rescue breathing. The officers continued performing CPR until EMS arrived. Once EMS arrived, the man's face had regained its color and his pulse was stronger. The man was awake and responsive by the time he was transported to the hospital. Officer Holmes and Officer De La Cruz were able to use their training and knowledge to save a man's life under very stressful conditions. Officers Holmes and De La Cruz made a positive impact on our community.

Officer F.M. De Vera, Officer M.D. Donovan and Officer K.J. Rocco - On June 19, 2016, Officer F.M. De Vera was working a supplemental patrol around 2:15 a.m. when he was flagged down for help with a medical situation. He saw a woman having a seizure in a driveway and alerted the Durham Emergency Communications Center. A short time later, Officer De Vera notified Durham 911 that the patient had become unconscious and unresponsive and he immediately started performing CPR. Durham County EMS arrived on scene and advised the patient had no signs of life.

Officer De Vera continued doing chest compressions as EMTs worked on the patient. Officers M.D. Donovan and K.J. Rocco provided a chain of relief and took over doing chest compressions. After approximately 20 minutes of CPR, the patient began displaying signs of life and was transported to the hospital for advanced medical care. Officers De Vera, Donovan and Rocco responded to a stressful situation where a person's life was in jeopardy. They used their training and administered aid with the goal to preserve life. Their efforts were successful and saved a woman's life.

Officer B.L. Taylor - On December 7, 2016, Officers B.L. Taylor and R.J. Preston were on a call near Northgate Mall when they heard a call come out about a cardiac arrest inside a business at the mall. Officers Preston and Taylor quickly arrived on scene and found an unresponsive female lying on a bathroom floor. She was unconscious and her lips were blue. She was not breathing and did not have a pulse.

Officer Preston immediately began performing CPR on the woman while Officer Taylor provided rescue breathing. The officers continued performing CPR until EMS employees took over the treatment. The victim regained consciousness and was able to speak to the officers before being transported to the hospital.

Officers Taylor and Preston responded to a stressful situation where a person's life was in jeopardy. They remembered their training and administered aid with the goal to preserve life. Their efforts were successful and saved a woman's life.

Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Medal is presented by the department to sworn or non-sworn employee(s) who apprehend or cause to be apprehended a dangerous person(s) at grave and/or imminent danger to the employee(s), or to employee(s) who perform an act that warrants such recognition.

Cpl. J.E. Lloyd, Officer S.D. Wheeler and Officer R.K. Jones - On May 18, 2016, officers with the Selective Enforcement Team (SET) were contacted by CrimeStoppers to help locate a man wanted for a shooting. The man was a known gang member with prior charges related to violent gun crimes. These officers - Officer R.K. Jones, Officer S.D. Wheeler and Cpl. J.E. Lloyd - were also told that the suspect had threatened to "shoot it out with police" if confronted. The officers set up surveillance and located the suspect at a convenience store.

When confronted by officers, the suspect ran and tossed a gun. Cpl. Lloyd stopped to pick up the gun so no bystanders would pick it up and Officers Jones and Wheeler continued to chase the man. The man jumped into the backseat of an occupied vehicle in an apparent attempt to carjack it, but Officers Jones and Wheeler were so close to him that he abandoned the attempt and continued to try to escape by running. The suspect tried to jump a fence, but he fell and was taken into custody by Officers Jones and Wheeler. The suspect has since pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges and is serving a lengthy federal prison sentence.

Cpl. Lloyd, Officer Wheeler and Officer Jones demonstrated bravery and risked their personal safety by participating in a mission they knew could place them in grave personal danger. They assisted in removing a gun from the street and arresting a violent felon, resulting in a safer community.

Civilian of the Year

Jennifer Hinchey - Jennifer Hinchey, who is the Victim/Witness Services Coordinator for Districts 3 and 5, is primarily responsible for reaching out to victims of Part 1 crimes in those districts. She helps coordinate the provision of personalized services to children, which is beyond her normal duties. Jennifer provides an attention to detail, a willingness to help, a positive attitude and is a self-starter. She is a linchpin in the Community Services Bureau.

Jennifer is actively involved in the community and represents the department at a wide variety of meetings. She represents the department at the North Carolina Victim Services Board and serves as chair of the Interagency Council with the NC Victim Assistance Network. She has proven herself to be an essential ambassador for the department in her volunteer efforts in the community. She serves as a PAL soccer coach and a basketball concession volunteer. She participated in the Bull City Fresh Start Point-in-Time Count and the Darkness to Light Stewards of Children Training. She regularly reaches out to investigators to offer her assistance and is regarded as a valuable asset.

Jennifer recently planned events for National Crime Victims' Rights Week and went beyond the bare essentials. She created flyers, designed T-shirts, planned two catered meals and obtained various quotes for the week's events. Jennifer is an exceptional employee and a true asset both to the Durham Police Department and the City of Durham.

Officer of the Year

Investigator J.E. Childress - Investigator J.E. Childress was a prime example of teamwork, dedication and leadership in 2016. On top of his assigned cases, Inv. Childress worked 33 self-initiated drug cases, closing 29 of them by arrest. He executed 26 search warrants and filed 135 felony charges on arrestees. He seized five guns, approximately \$5,000 in cash, 152 various pills, 159.5 grams of cocaine and approximately 21,000 grams of marijuana.

In addition to working these cases, Inv. Childress has assisted the Intelligence Unit with assisting and tracking several gang members. He has also helped district, robbery and homicide investigators to identify several suspects and persons of interest. He has also been able to identify two new gangs in Durham and has made multiple field contacts documenting gang activity. Inv. Childress demonstrates teamwork and leadership every day when he is at work. He is always quick to jump in and help other investigators with their cases, whether it is by researching suspects, processing evidence or interviewing suspects. During 2016, his unit was tasked with several operations targeting violent offenders that pulled investigators away from their usual routine work. He never complained and was always willing to make a contribution, which demonstrates how he leads by example.

Medal of Valor

The medal of valor is the highest recognition given by the department. It is granted to members who distinguish themselves by gallantry and bravery in an attempt to preserve life or property at a clear risk of personal safety. The act must be so conspicuous that it clearly distinguishes the member as one who acted far beyond the call of duty.

Officer J.D. Turner - On April 11, 2016, Officer J.D. Turner responded to an assist citizen call on the Durham Freeway at Fulton Street. Multiple people had called 911 around 10:45 p.m. to report a person sitting on the Fulton Street bridge over the Durham Freeway. When Officer Turner arrived, he found a distraught 19-year-old man sitting on the bridge railing with his feet hanging over the edge. He was mere inches from falling to the highway below. Officer Turner attempted to talk the teen out of jumping, but the teen did not respond. Officer Turner continued to try to communicate with the teen and as he was talking, he slowly inched closer to the teen. After several intense moments, Officer Turner saw the teen start to lean forward to jump off the bridge. Officer Turner lunged at the teen, grabbed him and pulled him backward over the railing to safety on the roadway of the bridge. The teen was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Officer Turner's compassion, quick actions and calmness under extreme pressure were paramount in saving the man's life and getting him the help he needed. He displayed gallantry and bravery at a clear risk to personal safety. His actions distinguished him as an officer who acted far above and beyond the call of duty.

Investigator T.M. Thrall - On May 31, 2016, Investigator T.M. Thrall was driving north on South Alston Avenue when he drove up on a vehicle that had just run off the road and flipped on its roof near Dowd Street. The engine compartment was smoking and the driver was still wearing his seatbelt and trapped inside the vehicle. Investigator Thrall broke out a passenger side window and pried the door open. Without hesitation, Investigator Thrall then climbed in the upside down vehicle and was able to free the driver from his seatbelt and pull him from the vehicle to safety. Once Investigator Thrall and the driver were out of the vehicle, the engine compartment burst into flames. The Durham Fire Department responded and put out the fire.

Without Investigator Thrall's quick thinking and courageous actions, the driver would almost certainly have suffered serious injury or possibly death from the vehicle fire. Investigator Thrall displayed gallantry and bravery at a clear risk to personal safety. His actions distinguished him as an officer who acted far above and beyond the call of duty.